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Calhoun County Public Health Department H1N1 Update

*****Over 13,000 H1N1 vaccines distributed to ***
Calhoun County Health Care Providers.**

*****Over 7,000 doses administered by ***
Health Department employees and community volunteers
through vaccination clinics.**

I am writing to say thank you to all the community partners, employees, and volunteers for assisting with H1N1 vaccinations throughout the county. As of today, over 20,000 doses have been distributed or administered throughout Calhoun County.

Clinics Continue! The following are upcoming scheduled CCPHD-sponsored vaccination clinics:

- Vaccination and Booster* Clinics:
 - December 5, 2009: 9am – 12 Noon, Homer Middle School, Homer (Booster and Priority)
 - December 12, 2009: 9am – 12 Noon, Northwestern Middle School, Battle Creek (Booster and Priority)
- Booster Clinic ONLY:
 - December 16, 2009: 3pm – 5pm, Athens Middle School, Athens (Booster)

**Children under 10 years of age who received the first dose of H1N1 vaccine at least 28 days prior to today will receive their second dose (Booster dose). If your child received an immunization card at time of initial H1N1 vaccination, please bring this card with you. If your child under 10 years of age received their first dose of the H1N1 vaccine, a second dose is required for full vaccination.*

I am also pleased to announce that Calhoun County residents who fit into the CDC priority groups as defined below are now able to receive their H1N1 vaccination through the Health Department (located at 190 E. Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek) **EVERY:**

**Tuesday from 1pm – 4pm
Thursday from 8am – 11am & 1pm – 4pm.**

Booster H1N1 doses will also be available at this time.

Vaccinations are free, however, you are asked to bring your insurance or Medicaid card with you. There is **no appointment necessary**.

At this time, regular vaccination clinics will vaccinate those in the following CDC-defined priority groups:

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
- All people from 6 months through 24 years of age
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza (such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease)

There has been discussion at the Federal level about removing the restrictions and opening H1N1 vaccination to all citizens. However, at this time, restrictions have not been lifted. We will continue to provide updates as they develop.

There are questions throughout the community regarding vaccine safety. The following link provides answers to vaccine questions. <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/H1N1Vaccine/>

H1N1 information can be found on our website at www.calhouncountynmi.gov/publichealth or at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu. We continue providing updates to 211 as well.

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